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Examiner: Sarah Song

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For: Optical MEMS Switching Array With Embedded Beam-Confining

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- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
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- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
 - in ascending order;
 - with status identifiers; and
 - with markings in the currently amended claims;
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